



# LIBYA NEWS UPDATE

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## BERLIN CONFERENCE GIVES HOPE FOR STABILITY IN LIBYA



This week, representatives and diplomats from the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, namely the United States, United Kingdom, France, Russia and China – as well as Libya, Italy, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the EU and the UN met in Berlin to discuss Libya's political progress, prepare for a national election due to take place in December, and discuss the withdrawal of all foreign troops and mercenaries.

During the conference, Libyan Foreign Minister Najla al-Mangoush voiced hope that there would finally be progress on a key pledge from the first conference in January 2020 – to pull foreign fighters out. She told reporters that there has been “progress” on the issue and that “hopefully within coming days, mercenaries from both sides are going to be withdrawing.” The withdrawal, which was agreed as part of a cease-fire in October 2020, must be implemented in full and “without further delay,” according to the final declaration from the conference.

Libya was represented by Prime Minister Abdulhamid Dabaiba, who reiterated his government's firm intention to hold free and fair elections at the end of the year. The Prime Minister had a one-on-one meeting with the U.S. Secretary Blinken. Following the meeting, Sec. Blinken reaffirmed the United States' commitment to “supporting the Libyan people as they work toward national elections in December 2021.”



## PRIME MINISTER DABAIBA MEETS WITH UK PM JOHNSON



Yesterday, following the conclusion of the Berlin Conference, Prime Minister Dabaiba joined British Prime Minister Boris Johnson at Downing Street in London for a bilateral meeting.

During the discussion, PM Johnson reaffirmed the UK's support for the efforts made by PM Dabaiba and the Government of National Unity to stabilize Libya and oversee the transition to democracy.